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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been signed between European Union and India on Energy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued to India by signing this agreement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : An India-EU Energy Panel has been constituted as a follow-up to a decision taken at the 5th India-EU Summit at the Hague in November, 2004. The inaugural meeting of the India-EU Energy Panel took place in Brussels on June 29, 2005. The energy Panel adopted the Terms of References, exchanged views on respective energy demand projects, current and future supply situation and possible strategies for development of secure and sustainable energy supply.

The Energy Panel took the decision to set up Working Groups in the following areas which were identified as being beneficial:

- Coal and clean coal conversion technologies.
- Energy efficiency and renewable energies.
- Fusion energy including India`s participation in ITER.